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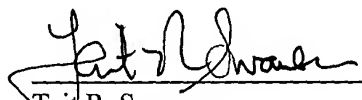
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAM. INIT.	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A	4,018,082	04/19/77	Manoliu et al.	73	67.5 R	09/30/75
	B	4,106,347	08/15/78	DeKerlegand	73	622	08/10/77
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	D	5,123,281	06/23/92	Cox et al.	73	644	04/20/90
	E	5,600,069	02/04/97	Girndt et al.	73	622	04/26/95
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**OTHER ART (Author, Title, Journal, Volume, Pertinent Pages, & Date)**

		Terrance R. Banach, Ultrasonic Test Coverage - Planned Versus Actual, Tube & Pipe Technology, Pages 45-52, March/April 1995.

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